Value, by Mrs. Edith Baldwin Lockwood, R.N.; Address, Red Cross Work, by Mrs. Sara T. Kinney, of New Haven.

The afternoon session was occupied by the routine business, reports of committees and election of officers resulting as follows: President, Miss R. Inde Albaugh, superintendent of Grace Hospital, New Haven, Conn.; first vice-president, Miss Martha J. Wilkinson, Hartford, Conn.; second vice president, Miss E. A. Somers, Waterbury; recording secretary, Mrs. Isabelle Wilcox, Pine Meadow, Conn.; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Edith Baldwin Lockwood, Granby, Conn.; treasurer, Miss Rose M. Heavren, New Haven, Conn.; Miss Emma L. Stowe, superintendent Connecticut Training-School for Nurses; Miss Alice M. Smith, Hartford, and Miss Mary L. Bolton, of Bridgeport, to serve with the regular officers on the executive board, and as chairmen of the ways and means, printing, and membership committees respectively.

A vote of thanks was tendered the outgoing officers.

An invitation from New London to hold the next quarterly meeting in that city was accepted.

Both sessions of the meeting were well attended, and interest in the advance of the standards of our profession was manifested.

Nurses are registering rapidly in the State of Connecticut.

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## THE GRADUATE NURSES' ASSOCIATION OF THE STATE OF VIRGINIA

THE Graduate Nurses' Association of Virginia held its sixth annual convention in Lynchburg, May 9, 10 and 11, many nurses from the different portions of the State being present. The first session was held at the "Hill City" Lodge. The address of Welcome was made by Mayor N. C. Movson. In the absence of the president, Miss Whitelaw, from this county, the address of welcome was responded to by Miss M. Evelyn Boydon, vice-president, of Danville, Va. Dr. R. W. Mortin then introduced Miss M. S. Gilmore, superintendent of New York City Training-School, who read a paper on "The Evolution of the Trained Nurse," which had been written by Mrs. Cadwalader Jones, of New York, who was unable to attend, on account of sickness. Dr. Edward S. Peck, chairman of the Board of Examiners of the New York City Training-School, who was next introduced, read a paper on "The Trained Nurse from a Physician's Point of View." This he divided under three heads—The relation of the nurse to the patient; her relation to the physician; and her relation to the family in which she is employed. Dr. Peck also spoke of district work among the poor. He was much pleased with the stand the Virginia Association had taken in regard to the prevention of the spread of tuberculosis. At the conclusion of Dr. Peck's address, Miss Gilmore, by request, read a paper written by Mrs. Jones, upon the "Dignity of the Nursing Profession," in which great stress was laid upon the personality and character of the nurse. She closed by reading the oaths administered to the nurses of Bellevue, which is based upon the ancient Hippocrates oath.

The first business session was opened at the Elks' Home, May 10, at 9 A. M. From 9 to 10 was devoted to registration and payment of dues. Miss Boydon, third vice-president, called the meeting to order and the invocation was delivered by Rev. Dr. Jno. J. Loyd, of Grace Memorial Church. The minutes and treasurer's report were read by the secretary. The Chair then called for reports from the committees as follows:

Miss Bumgardner, for Sick Benefit Fund; Miss Nannie Minor, Tuberculosis; Miss S. H. Cabaniss, Education; and others with interesting discussions on methods and works.

A most interesting paper was read by Miss S. H. Cabaniss, on "Foreign Hospitals and Nurses."

On the opening of the second business session all unfinished business was taken up and disposed of, after which a Paper on "Small Hospitals" was read by Miss Ions, of Petersburg, and one on "Hospital Economies at Columbian University," by Miss Florence Bealey, of University of Virginia. Both papers were delightfully and enthusiastically discussed. The meeting then adjourned to be held in Staunton, Va., 1907.

The social functions included afternoon tea at St. Andrew's Home; tea at the Woman's Club; lecture by Miss Saunders, on "Advance in Woman's Education," and on "Settlement Work," by Miss S. H. Cabaniss; a trolley ride, and the last night a large banquet at the Hotel Corrall.

The election of officers was as follows:

President, Miss M. Evelyn Boydon; first vice-president, Miss Ruth Robertson; second vice-president, Miss Elizabeth Moorman; third vice-president, Miss Emma West; corresponding secretary, Miss Nannie Minor; recording secretary, Miss L. N. Ions; treasurer, Miss Florence Besby.

ELIZABETH H. WEBB,
*Secretary.*

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NEW YORK STATE NURSES' ASSOCIATION.—The fifth annual meeting of the New York State Nurses' Association was held at Albany on Tuesday, April 17, 1906. There were about two hundred members and delegates present. The president, Miss Damer, in her address, compared our law with that in effect in other states and showed what progress had been made in the nursing world during the past five years.

The treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of $814.31. This led to a discussion about the advisability of reducing the present dues to make them the same as of old—ten cents per capita for societies and one dollar per year for individual members. The delegates were requested to bring this matter before their societies in order that they may be ready to vote upon the question when it comes up again at the next meeting.

The credentials committee presented the following names for membership in the association: The Nurses' Association of Queens and Nassau Counties, membership 21; Alumnæ Association of the S. R. Smith Infirmary, membership 38; the Graduate Nurses' Association of Onondega county, membership 110. Thus adding 169 new members to the association.

The by-laws were amended to the effect that we hold but one regular meeting during the year. Other meetings to be called at the discretion of the executive committee whenever a necessity shall arise for doing so.

The legislative committee reported all bills defeated which had come up during the year and were antagonistic to the present nursing act.

The report of the committee on education appeared in the May JOURNAL, showing the splendid work done by this committee in preparing a uniform curriculum for training-schools.

The report of the board of nurse examiners was most interesting. Up to date (April 17) more than 4,034 nurses have been registered by the Regents. The question now arises, have they all registered their certificates at the County Clerk's office? According to statistics compiled by the secretary, they have not.

During the afternoon session the following interesting papers were read and discussed:

A paper by Mr. L. Bissell Sanford, R. N., on "Registries and Club-Houses for Nurses," was read by Mr. Jackson who, like Mr. Sanford, is a resident of the Mills G. S. Club-House. It was proven by this paper and by the discussion which followed that registries and club-houses for nurses can be and should be conducted successfully by nurses. Not one organization which has tried this plan has failed, and all were enthusiastic in its support.

Miss Ida Palmer, president of the Monroe County Nurses' Association, read a most helpful paper on county associations. They are a necessity and those already organized fill a long-felt want.

The following officers were elected: President, Miss Anna Davids, R. N.; 1st vice-president, Mrs. Gustin Welch, R. N.; 2nd vice-president, Miss Florence E. Poole, R. N.; treasurer, Miss Maria L. Daniels, R. N.; secretary, Miss Frida L. Hartman R. N.; trustee, Miss Annie Daner, R. N.

An invitation from the A. A. of the House of the Good Shepherd, Syracuse, N. Y., asking the association to hold its next annual meeting in Syracuse, was read and unanimously accepted.

The meeting adjourned to meet again in Syracuse in October, 1907.

FRIDA L. HARTMAN, R. N.,
Secretary.

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—The Graduate Nurses' Association of the District of Columbia held its semi-annual meeting May 1, at the Victoria. The reports of the secretary and various committees were presented.

The committee on legislation reported the bill for registration of nurses as having been introduced in the House of Representatives and referred to the subcommittee on the District of Columbia Affairs. A delegate was appointed to the convention of the Nurses' Associated Alumnæ of the United States, which will be held in Detroit, Michigan, June 6, 1906.

The question of how the Nurses' Association of the District of Columbia could aid the San Francisco nurses was discussed at length, and at the conclusion a committee was appointed to arrange for a lawn party for the purpose of raising a fund for their benefit. The voting in of 34 new members brings the membership of the association up to 217 members.

Miss L. L. Dock, who has recently been living abroad, gave an interesting talk on the conditions under which nurses in Germany and England are working for the registration of nurses in those countries.

BERTHA ORLO-SMITH, Secretary.

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THE Graduate Nurses' Examining Board of Virginia will hold semi-annual examinations in Petersburgh, Virginia, on Tuesday, June 19, 1906. Applicants are requested to file names with the secretary of the Board, Mrs. L. de L. Hangle, Waverley Boulevard, Portsmouth, Virginia.

RHODE ISLAND.—The first annual meeting of the Rhode Island Association of Graduate Nurses was held in the Y. M. C. A. Hall on Wednesday, March 7, 1906. The meeting was called to order by the president, Lucy C. Ayers, at 3.40 P. M. Owing to the absence of Margaret J. MacPherson, the secretary, Mary A. Quinn was appointed secretary pro tem. An address by the president emphasizing the object and needs of the association was followed by the report of the secretary, read by Winifred L. Fitzpatrick, which gave a complete history of the organization of the association, the difficulties encountered, and the work achieved during the year. The treasurer's report, in the absence of Sarah B. Wilcox, was read by Marietta Gardner. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Lucy C. Ayers; 1st vice-president, Kate Grant; 2nd vice-president, Rhoda Packard; corresponding secretary, Alice Dexter; recording secretary, Margaret J. MacPherson; treasurer, Mary S. Gardner; executive committee, Winifred L. Fitzpatrick, Sarah B. Wilcox, Harriott P. Churchill, Ella A. Weaver. Miss Mary Riddle, who was to speak to us of the difficulties to be overcome in obtaining satisfactory legislation for nurses, was unable to be present. Miss Emma L. Stowe, president of board of nurses' examiners in Connecticut, spoke to us of the methods pursued in obtaining the passage of the bill for state registration in Connecticut. She also spoke of the number of nurses who were applying for state certificates. Dr. Helen Putnam spoke of some of the needs for an act to protect graduate nurses in Rhode Island. Many new applications for membership were received.

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COLORADO.—The Colorado State Trained Nurses' Association held its annual meeting at the Y. W. C. A. Building on May 10. Dr. B. Vosburgh opened the meeting by reading the Twenty-third Psalm and offering prayer. After the reading of the minutes the program followed: Instrumental music, "Rondeau Brilliante," Mr. W. F. Dunning; address, by the president, Miss E. J. Margeson; annual reports from the board of directors, secretary, treasurer, and the chairmen of the membership, program and nominating committees, followed by the "First Movement of the Moonlight Sonata," by Mr. W. F. Dunning. The election resulted as follows: President, Miss F. Reed, Boulder; first vice-president, Miss L. Beecroft, Pueblo; second vice-president, Miss A. Hathaway, Denver; secretary, Miss S. S. Harris, Colorado Springs; treasurer, Miss L. Perrin, Denver. This association is now affiliated with the Associated Alumnæ. Lunch was served at the Shirley, and at 4 P.M. Mr. Dunning played the "Wedding Day," by Grieg, and Paderewski's "Minuet," after which Judge Ben B. Lindsey addressed the Association.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE.—On Monday, April 2, the Graduate Nurses of New Hampshire met at Concord to take steps toward organizing a state association, in view of securing state registration. About 50 nurses were present and a great deal of interest was shown by all. The next meeting will be held at the State Hospital at Concord, May 28, at 11 A.M., when a permanent organization will be formed.

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MASSACHUSETTS.—At a meeting of the councillors of Mass. State Nurses' Association, May 3, it was voted to contribute $250 to the California relief fund. A cheque will be sent to Edward T. Devine, agent of the National Red Cross in San Francisco